

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

ETHYPHARM S.A. FRANCE,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	
	:	
v.	:	C. A. No. 08-126-SLR
	:	
ABBOTT LABORATORIES,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	

ORDER

At Wilmington this 9th day of **November, 2009**.

A Referral Order dated November 4, 2009 having been entered by The Honorable Sue L. Robinson,

IT IS ORDERED that all discovery related matters, including matters related to protective orders, shall be addressed as follows:

Discovery Matters. Should counsel find they are unable to resolve a discovery matter or those other matters covered by this paragraph,¹ the parties involved shall contact chambers at (302) 573-6173 to schedule a telephone conference. Not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the conference, *excluding* weekends and holidays, the party seeking relief shall file with the Court a letter, not to exceed three (3) pages, in no less than 12 point font, outlining the issues in dispute and its position on those issues. (The Court does not seek extensive argument or authorities at this point; it seeks simply a statement of the issue to be addressed and a summary of the basis for the party's position on the issue.) Not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the conference, *excluding*

¹ To meet the import of that phrase, counsel are expected to first ***verbally*** discuss the issues/concerns before seeking the Court's intervention.

weekends and holidays, any party opposing the application for relief may file a letter, not to exceed three (3) pages, in no less than 12 point font, outlining that party's reason for its opposition. Should any document(s) be filed under seal, a copy of the sealed document(s) must be provided to the Magistrate Judge within one (1) hour of e-filing the document(s). Should the Court find further briefing necessary upon conclusion of the telephone conference, the Court will order it.

No motions to compel or motions for protective order shall be filed absent approval of the court. Absent expressed approval of the court following a discovery conference, no motions pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 shall be filed.

Local counsel are reminded of their obligations to inform out-of-state counsel of this Order. To avoid the imposition of sanctions, counsel shall advise the Court immediately of any problems regarding compliance with this Order.

/s/ Mary Pat Thyng
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE